

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: When We Decide

Message: More Than Able

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Memory Verse: Judges 2:16-17 NIV

Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the Lord's commands.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God is more than able to use anyone to display His might to the one who trusts Him.

Read Judges 4

1. When Ehud died the Israelites again fell into disobedience and waywardness (v. 1). How have you seen people draw closer to God or push Him further away because of the loss of a loved one? When someone meaningful in your life passes away, what impact does that have on your relationship with God?
2. The people of Israel "cried out to the Lord" after 20 years of oppression (v. 3). What does it take for you to cry out to God when you are struggling? Do you tend to try and fix things on your own first? What would it look like for you to approach God sooner?
3. Previously, the people became fearful when facing an enemy with iron chariots (Judges 1:19). Now they face 900 iron chariots (v. 3, 13) and the outcome is much different. The enemy did not become weaker, so what do you think changed? God did not remove the obstacle of iron chariots, but He



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was with them in the battle. How does knowing that God is with us during our battles help you when you are in the midst of the battle?

4. Ten thousand men were willing to follow Barak into battle (v. 6) with no clear tactical advantage. What might that kind of courage and willingness look like in our spiritual lives today? What continues to motivate you to follow God even when it's hard or costly?
5. Barak is timid about going into battle by himself and says he will only go if Deborah goes with him (v. 8). Have you ever felt unqualified or hesitant to step into something God was calling you to? When have you needed the support or the presence of someone else to help you obey God?
6. Deborah told Barak, "Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands" (v. 14). What do you think gave her such confidence in God's promise? How does your level of confidence in God compare to that of Deborah? What do you think would help you be more confident?
7. Jael uses an ordinary tent peg in a creative way to defeat a mighty enemy (v. 21). What "ordinary tools" or unexpected opportunities has God placed in your hands that you might be overlooking for His purposes? How can you be more attentive to using what you have, where you are?
8. God used both men (Barak) and women (Deborah and Jael) to bring about deliverance. God uses people regardless of gender, background or ethnicity to accomplish His mission. When have you seen/heard about a story of success from an unexpected person? How can we continue to equip and empower everyone to serve as leaders in the faith?

Reach out to anyone who couldn't participate with your Small Group and make a personal connection with them this coming week (call, text, email, or personal face-to-face conversation.) Let them know they were missed, and you look forward to seeing them next time.



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